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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 23 April 1951

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. William H. Jackson
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Brigadier General John Weckerling, acting for Assistant Chief
of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Acting for Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, acting for Director of Intelligence,
Atomic Energy Commission
Brigadier General Vernon E. Megee, USMC, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. C. D. DeLoach, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency
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Colonel R. H. DelMar, Department of the Army
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Colonel David Crist, Department of the Air Force
Captain R. G. McCool, USN, The Joint Staff
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Secretary
Mr. James Q. Reber
Central Intelligence Agency

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 12 April 1951 (IAC-M-26) were approved subject to the addition of a notation that the various agencies have considerably reduced their distribution lists for NIE's. It was agreed that CIA would handle the distribution to joint agencies: the National War College and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Key Problems Affecting U.S.
Efforts to Strengthen the
Near East (NIE-26)

2. Action: This estimate was approved subject to minor revisions.

Prospects for the Creation of
an Adequate Western European
Defense (NIE-13)

Cancelled - Part -

3. Action: It was agreed that no further efforts would be made to secure operational information for inclusion in this paper and that unless Mr. Armstrong finds that there is a genuine demand for an intelligence evaluation of the ability of our Western allies to meet their commitments, the paper will be cancelled. In the event that he finds such a demand exists, work will proceed to produce such an estimate.



*Do not incorporate in
near NIE-3*

4. Action: It was agreed to suspend action on NIE-30 and to refer the matter to General Smith.

5. Discussion: Reference was made to the view of the JCS regarding NIE-30 that the McMahon request was not made on proper authority nor was it made to the proper agency and that nothing further could be done with the IAC draft estimate in view of General Marshall's letter.

6. There was considerable hope expressed in the arrangements reported by General Husbner and confirmed by General Megee which have been established with the Joint Staff. These arrangements provide that the members of the JIG, who have complete access to operations and policy information including war plans,

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should be responsible for guiding the intelligence estimators in such a way as to provide the operations or planning information essential to making their estimates useful.

7. General Huebner felt that the State Department had a similar responsibility and might develop a similar arrangement. Mr. Armstrong agreed and indicated that his people are in close contact with policy officers in the Department and, as far as he knew, were providing adequate and proper guidance for the intelligence estimators.

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